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SUBJ: EDUCATION OF AMERICAN CHILDREN IN ATHENS

1. THE PROBLEM OF HOW BEST TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF AMERICAN CHILDREN IN ATHENS HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMBASSADOR IN THE CONTEXT OF QUESTIONS RAISED CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATION NOW UNDERWAY ON THE POSSIBLE SALE BY THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL TO THE US AIR FORCE OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS LOCATED ON ATHENAI AB AND THE RELATED PROBLEM OF THE OPERATION OF THIS SCHOOL IN THE USDESEA SYSTEM. THE AMBASSADOR HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST AND CONCERN AND WISHES TO STUDY THE SITUATION BEFORE TAKING A POSITION ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED.

2. ALTERATIONS IN THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ATHENS ARE QUITE LIKELY AS A RESULT OF THE TUMULTOUS EVENTS OF THE PAST SUMMER. THE NATURE OF THESE CHANGES IS A MATTER YET TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE USG AND GOG, BUT IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT WE ARE NO LONGER IN THE BUSINESS OF INCREASING OUR PRESENCE. THUS, WE MUST CONSIDER OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS, INCLUDING EDUCATIONSL NEEDS, IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, AND OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED

IN JANUARY 1973 THAT NO MAJOR CHANGES IN THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL PATTERN IN ATHENS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE AMBASSADOR, WE REQUEST THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE SCHOOL ON ATHENAI AB UNTIL THE AMBASSADOR IS ABLE TO BECOME FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION AND TO MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN. WE HOPE THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DECEMBER 1.

4. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL FACETS OF THE SITUATION ARE SEEN IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE ASKING THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. COL. CARUS AND A USDESEA REPRESENTATIVE ARE TO TAKE PART IN A MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE ON NOVEMBER 6 AT 1500 HOURS. WE TRUST THAT AT THIS MEETING OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE ABLE FULLY TO REFLECT ANY MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.
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